NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

Pursuant to A.C.A. §20-76-201, the Director, Division of Children and Family Services, issues proposed changes to the DCFS Family Services Policy and Procedures (FSPP) Manual, forms (CFS-349a, CFS-349b, CFS-445, CFS-446 and CFS-563) and PUB-11 (Your Child and Foster Care). Revisions to the policy and forms are a result of recommended changes required under the agency's Program Improvement Plan (PIP). Revisions to PUB-11 have been made to reflect language contained in the Adoption and Safe Families Act. Other policy changes include adding a new procedure (VII-D2) that addresses actions to be followed in the event a foster child runs away from a foster home or a facility. In accordance with the Arkansas Vehicle Safety Program (ASVSP), the Division has developed form CFS-593 (Arkansas State Vehicle Safety Program) to certify that DCFS drivers understand the requirements of the vehicle safety program.

For copies of the proposed documents or to submit comments, contact: Division of Children and Family Services, P.O. Box 1437, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437, Attention: Policy Unit, (Slot S570). All comments must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the date appearing below or 30 days following the date of the newspaper notice, whichever is the longer period. If you need any material in a different format, such as large print, contact our Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at 682-8830 (Voice) or 682-1442 (TDD). The Arkansas Department of Human Services is in compliance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act and operates, manages and delivers services without regard to age, religion, disability, political affiliation, veteran status, sex, race, color or national origin.

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